

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. The Examiner has objected to Claims 4-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has objected to Claims 3 and 9 as being in improper dependent form. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grey (U.S. Patent 5,485,517) in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent 6,822,871).

Regarding the objection to Claim 3 as being in improper dependent form, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 3 as presently pending properly depends on Claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 3 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Claim 9 as being in improper dependent form, Claim 9 has been amended to depend on Claim 2 as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 9 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejections Claims 1-3 and 9, the Examiner states that Grey in view of Lee et al. discloses all of the elements of the claims. Since the subject matter of Lee et al. and the claimed invention of the present application were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, namely, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Lee et al. is therefore an improper reference under §103(a). Withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-3 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-9, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-9 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to

be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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